

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5610

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the release of driving record abstracts for employment purposes.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Delvin, Sheldon, Berkey, Jarrett and Shin).

**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
**House Committee on Judiciary**  
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**Background:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) maintains a case record on every person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in Washington. These case records, or abstracts, contain information relating to a person's driving record. Current law restricts the distribution of abstracts to certain persons and uses.

**Summary:** The list of those who may receive abstracts is expanded to include an employer or prospective employer or volunteer organization, or an agent acting on their behalf, for employment and risk management purposes in those instances where driving is a condition of the employment of the individual named in the abstract or will be engaged in by the named individual at the direction of the employer or organization.

Courts are allowed to provide a copy of a person's abstract to them if the person has a pending case before the court for a suspended license violation or an open infraction or criminal case that has resulted in the suspension of a person's driver's license.

DOL is required to permanently retain records of convictions for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	33	15	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	42	3	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 26, 2009

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